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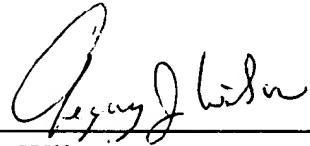
We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "TUNING ELECTRODES USED IN A REACTOR FOR ELECTROCHEMICALLY PROCESSING A MICROELECTRONIC WORKPIECE," the specification of which was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 24, 2001, and assigned Application No. 9/866,391 (Attorney Docket No. 291958157US3); and that this application in part discloses and claims subject matter disclosed in our earlier-filed Applications: Nos. 60/206,663, filed May 24, 2000; PCT/US00/10120, filed April 13, 2000; 60/182,160, filed February 14, 2000; 60/143,769, filed July 12, 1999; and 60/129,055, filed April 13, 1999.

We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-entitled specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

We acknowledge our duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a), including material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the filing date of this application.

We further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that the making of willfully false statements and the like is punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both,

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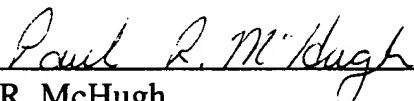
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Washington, DC 20231

ELECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 3.71 AND 3.73
AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

Sir:

The undersigned, being Assignee of the entire interest in the above-identified application by virtue of an Assignment filed concurrently herewith, a copy of which is enclosed, hereby elects under 37 C.F.R. § 3.71, to prosecute the application to the exclusion of the inventors.

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.73, the undersigned duly authorized designee of Assignee certifies that the evidentiary documents have been reviewed, specifically the Assignment to Semitool, Inc. filed concurrently herewith for recording, a copy of which is attached hereto, and certifies that to the best of my knowledge and belief, title remains in the name of the Assignee.

Semitool, Inc.

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